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Commissioners Michael Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Kevin Martin and Jonathan Adelstein Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Commissioners,

My father, Duncan Peters, worked for the FCC for 30 years. He passed away last December. I am writing to you in his memory to ask you to <u>not</u> relax the rules on cross ownership of media and television stations.

My father was always proud to be a civil servant representing the people of this Country. From what I have read and heard about the FCC now, you represent big business not the public interest! How has this happened?

Please keep the regulations as they are or strengthen them, but don't weaken them. I have a cable service that gives me access to about 100 channels, yet all I find worth watching is PBS, movies and occasionally CNN. During the war I was grateful to receive the BBC news which I feel I can trust more than the American press these days. I think the FCC's lack of regulation has caused this. I have less choice today for credible news and non-violent entertainment and you intend to make it worse. On behalf of the American public please:

- Strengthen the rules to prevent stations from controlling too much of the information and entertainment that comes to us, do not relax the rules even more.
- Do your due diligence in reissuing licenses, more than just receiving a postcard that no one at the FCC reads. Find out if stations are really providing a public service in return for using <u>our</u> airwaves. This is your job!

Please represent the public interest again rather than the powerful broadcast lobby! You have the power to do the right thing. Listen to the people you are representing and give us time to speak out. Who are you aiding by pushing the deadline of June 2? Why haven't the major media been covering such an important issue? I think that you know the answer to these questions.

Sincerely,

Dames Peters

Tamra Peters

Cc: Senator Barbara Boxer Senator Dianne Feinstein

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The Commissioners
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RE: June 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to protest -- as strongly as I possibly can -- the proposed rules changes; these changes would even further monopolize media outlets. As one who lectures nationally, I have seen the effect of the 1980's rules changes on radio: local news is a joke; the thought-control police speak with one voice through talk show hosts who yell continuously -- the banality and uniformity is astounding. In addition, broadcast and cable news, by and large, isn't much better - even without the rules change. In essence, the American public is being kept barefoot and pregnant.

The danger to our democracy is clear: if the 3 Commissioners who support this plan are allowed to enact it, the very few (and powerful) will control what we, the many, hear and see - for years to come. This is otherwise known as tyranny.

I cannot/will not stand idly by as the FCC joins with the rest of this administration in trampling on basic American rights and principles. How did those opposing regulation become heads and majority members of our regulatory agencies? This is like electing as Pope someone who doesn't believe in God. Something is radically wrong with this picture. And I intend to do everything in my power to correct it.

Most sincerely

## To Whom can Helplo

Please do not change the rules of Broadcast ownership. Because in truth Radio Sucks and has a long time ecspecilly in Cleveland OH. Please if anything make it harder for media companies to monoplies and g speak there crap. These people at these Eon are Killing a Artform and Culture that got me through a lot. Please Help us.

PS. Sorry so Sloppy, Spelling, and grammer. But you know what I mean

FCC-BOSTON JUN 1 0 2003 Thank you Sincerly

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musician and lover of music and Art.

#### GROUP ONE, INC. 871 Monroe Ave., \$120 Rochester, NY 14620

(Date) 6/2/03

Chairman Michael Powell Federal Communications Commission445 12th Street, SWWashington, DC 20554 FAX (202) 418-0710

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To: Chairman Michael Powell

FCC

May 30, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell:

Once again I urge you to reconsider your ill-advised and dangerous plan for further deregulation of our airwaves.

As I expressed previously (in my FAX of May 9), there are already too few restrictions on the conglomerates who can program our minds, and too many restrictions on public access to information!

It appears that you have shamelessly sold our airwaves -- and your soul! -- to the highest bidder. Have you no integrity? (Surely you held out for a bigger price than 44 all-expense-paid trips?)

Your refusal to hold a press conference, to grant interviews, to have open discussions with Congress, to postpone this decision for further consideration -- such arrogance and such disregard for the public brings shame upon you and your family!

Still hoping for a miracle,

Florence Raymond Perris, California

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Michael Powell and all Republican Members Federal Communications Commission, 445 12 Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Sirs,

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Removing all controls on how many TV, radio stations, newspapers and other arms of the media may be owned by the same corporations or its affiliates is one of the steps towards Fascism. We have already climbed too many.

This was a country of, for, and by the people. For the sake of the country, its peoples, its traditions and your consciences, do not permit these rules to be established.

Sincerely yours,

Claire E Simpson

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SE Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. MB-02-235

Dear Mr. Chaiπnan:

I am the President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and I am writing in regards to the Commission's review of the proposed merger between Univision Communications Inc. and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (HBC). As a union that represents many members we recognize that Univision is a media organization that has served the Hispanic community in many ways including not just entertainment but news and community service. It has been a positive economic and social force in the Hispanic community.

Continued growth of the radio and television business of Univision will inherently mean growth in media opportunities for Hispanics. I am informed that more than 80% of the work force of Univision is Hispanic and that it is expected to continue to grow. Hispanics are employed across the entire field of employment opportunities of Univision. In fact, 50% of the Univision Board and 65% of operating management are Hispanic. And over 130 Hispanic women hold management positions. I know that this is not by accident; but rather by design. Univision consciously and aggressively seeks out talented Hispanics for management positions.

When new capital investments are attracted to the Hispanic media, it results in increased competition and greater management and ownership opportunities for Hispanics. Major investors are increasingly interested in supporting entrepreneurs already engaged or considering entering the Hispanic media business.

The growth of Univision and its policies of training and promoting Hispanics have created a significant base of Hispanics who now have the expertise to own and operate a broadcast station or network. And, as a result of the pioneering work of Univision to raise the visibility of Spanishlanguage media, the Hispanic broadcast talent base now has access to financing sources and advertising sources that would have been unimaginable only a few short years ago.

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Regarding the growth of Spanish-language media, I would like to make another point. I completely disagree with suggestions that this industry be segregated from other media. Over the past two decades, Spanish-language media has grown by competing with English-language media and isolating this industry would be a huge step backward that would eventually eradicate the success already achieved. It is an affront to all Hispanics to suggest that the media serving this community could be considered substandard or different from its general market competitors.

SEIU and its affiliates have worked with Univision and its affiliates on many occasions and truly appreciate and value that station's commitment to the betterment of our community. I am particularly grateful for the many public service announcement broadcast on their air as well as the indispensable information provided on their website.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Stern

International President

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